

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)
Plaintiff,	14 CV - 551 JED - FHM
v.	) Case No.
	)
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	
HUGHES, and LM GENERAL	FILED
INSURANCE COMPANY,	) SEP 17 2014
Defendants.	) Phil Lombardi, Clerk U.S. DISTRICT COURT

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant LM General Insurance Company ("Defendant") hereby removes the above-captioned action from the District Court of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. In support of this removal, Defendant states as follows:

1. On October 16, 2013, Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke ("Plaintiff") commenced an action in the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, entitled *L'Ggrke v. Deering, Hughes, and Liberty Mutual Group Inc.*, as Case No. CJ-2013-4766 (the "State Court Action"). A true copy of the state court docket sheet is attached as Exhibit 1. All process, pleadings, and orders filed or served in the State Court Action are attached hereto as Exhibits 2 through 27.

- 2. According to the Second Amended Petition, Plaintiff is a resident of Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Defendant LM General Insurance Company is a company organized under the laws of the State of Illinois with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 3. Defendant LM General Insurance Company respectfully submits that, for the purposes of diversity jurisdiction, Defendant Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes's citizenship should be disregarded. While Defendants Deering and Hughes reside in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, the record evidence demonstrates that their continued joinder, or fraudulent retention, in this action serves only to frustrate federal jurisdiction. *See Wagoner v. Hussey Seating Co.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 157238, \*11 (N.D. Okla. Nov. 1, 2013).
- 4. The evidence in the record demonstrates that Plaintiff has failed to prosecute his case against Defendants Deering and Hughes. Significantly, Plaintiff has not requested issuance of summons or served Defendants Deering or Hughes with the First Amended Petition or Second Amended Petition. (*See id.*) Neither Defendant Deering nor Defendant Hughes has ever filed an answer or motion in the state court action. (*See* State Court Docket Sheet, attached as Exhibit 1). Plaintiff has not served Defendants Deering or Hughes with any discovery requests, nor have Defendants Deering or Hughes served Plaintiff with discovery requests. (*See id.*). Plaintiff has not served Defendants Deering or Hughes with any pleadings since inception of this action.

Plaintiff's continued misjoinder of Defendants Deering and Hughes as Defendants in this action is intended solely to destroy diversity. See Turley v. Stillwell, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 30278, \*18 (N.D. Okla. Mar. 22, 2011) (quoting Erdey v. American Honda Co., 96 F.R.D. 593, 599 (M.D. La. 1983)) ("The Court finds persuasive the rule that '[w]here plaintiff, by his voluntary act has definitely indicated his intention to discontinue the action as to the non-diverse defendant, plaintiff has indicated that he no longer desires to dictate the forum and the case then becomes removable,' . . . To hold otherwise would give plaintiffs the power to evade federal jurisdiction simply by refusing to execute formal dismissal of a defendant.").

- 5. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1), this action has been removed within thirty (30) days of the filing of Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition on September 2, 2014. *See Caudill v. Ford Motor Co.*, 271 F. Supp. 2d 1324, 1328 (N.D. Okla. 2003) (instructing that removal within the one year limitation and making fraudulent joinder argument to federal district court is an acceptable procedure to eliminate jurisdictional gamesmanship).
- 6. The Northern District of Oklahoma includes the state judicial district in which Plaintiff filed her Petition.
- 7. This is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction based on diversity of citizenship and amount in controversy pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1332, and which may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.

- 8. The Second Amended Petition asserts a cause of action for breach of an insurance contract and breach of good faith and fair dealing in the handling of a claim on an insurance policy. The amount in controversy for each cause of action exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. (*See* Second Amended Petition, ¶¶ 33 and 43, attached hereto as Exhibit 22).
- 9. Contemporaneous with Defendant's filing of this Notice, Defendant will serve written notice to Plaintiff's counsel of the filing, as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).
- 10. Defendant LM General Insurance Company shall likewise file a true and correct copy of its Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the District Court in and for Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Defendant LM General Insurance Company of America respectfully requests that the State Court Action be removed from the District Court for Tulsa County, Oklahoma, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and proceed as an action properly removed thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of September, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE.

Plaintiff,

DEMETRIES DEERING,

Defendant, and KARA HUGHES,

Defendant, and

.M GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

No. CJ-2013-4766

(Civil relief more than \$10,000: NEGLIGENCE (GENERAL))

Filed: 10/16/2013

Judge: Chappelle, Carlos

#### **Parties**

DEERING, DEMETRIES, Defendant HUGHES, KARA, Defendant LGGRKE, MONSI, Plaintiff LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC., Original Defendant (Amended) LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendant

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#### Issues

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Issue # 1.

Issue: NEGLIGENCE ENERAL) (NEGL)

Filed by: LGGRKE, MONSI Filed Date: 10/16/2013 **Disposition Information:** 

**<u>Defendant:</u>** DEERING, DEMETRIES Pending.

**<u>Defendant:</u>** HUGHES, KARA Pending.

**<u>Defendant:</u>** LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Pending.

**Defendant:** LIBERTY MUTUAL

GROUP INC.

Party Name:

**Party Name:** 

Disposed: DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE,

09/16/2014. Dismissed- Settled.

**Issue # 2.** Issue: CROSS CLAIM - DAMAGES (DAMAGE)

Filed by: LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

Filed Date: 12/03/2013

<u>Disposition Information:</u>

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTYDISTRICT COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OCT 1 6 2013

MONSI LGGRKE

Plaintiff,

SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK

- vs -

DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES And LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

Defendants.

C.J. 2013-04766

CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE

#### **PETITION**

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff by and through his attorney of record, Mark L. Edwards, and for his cause of action against the Defendants, Demetries Deering, Kara Hughes and Liberty Mutual Group Inc., alleges and states as follows:

- 1. That the Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke is a resident of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- 2. That the Defendant, Demetries Deering, is a resident of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- 3. That the Defendant, Kara Hughes, is a resident of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- 4. That the Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc., is the Plaintiff's uninsured/underinsured motorist carrier, at the time of the collision. Therefore, Plaintiff brings this action against Liberty Mutual Group Inc. to establish his rights to the underinsured motorist coverage.
- 5. That the accident which gives rise to this action occurred on August 1, 2012 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
  - 6. That this Court has jurisdiction and venue in this matter.

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- 7. That the Plaintiff was without fault and that the damages from the accident were directly and proximately caused by and due to the negligence of the Defendant, Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes as set forth below.
- 8. That on or about August 1, 2012 Plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped at a red light on E. 71<sup>st</sup> street in the westbound left turn lane on South Wheeling Avenue. He was waiting to turn left when he was struck from behind by Demetries Deering.

#### **COUNT I**

- 9. That Defendant Demetries Deering was negligent in striking the back of the vehicle containing Plaintiff.
  - 10. That as a result of that negligence Plaintiff was injured and as suffered damages.
- 11. That Plaintiff's damages include, but are not limited to past and future physical pain and suffering, past and future mental anguish, medical expenses and permanent injury.
- 12. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant Demetries Deering in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT II**

- 13. That Defendant Kara Hughes was the owner of the vehicle driven by Defendant Demetries Deering when the aforementioned wreck occurred.
- 14. That Defendant Kara Hughes negligently entrusted her vehicle to Defendant Demetries Deering.
  - 15. That as a result of that negligence Plaintiff was injured and has suffered damages.
- 16. That Plaintiff's damages include, but are not limited to past and future physical pain and suffering, past and future mental anguish, medical expenses and permanent injury.

17. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant Kara Hughes in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT III**

- 18. That Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. insured the Plaintiff Monsi Lggrke with an automobile policy that provided uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage.
- 19. That Defendant's Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes were at the time of the aforementioned collision, uninsured or underinsured as defined in Plaintiff's policy with Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc.
- 20. That due to the nature and extent of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc., is bound to pay Plaintiff the limits of said policy, or \$500,000.00.
- 21. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND RESERVED ATTORNEY LIEN CLAIMED

Respectfully submitted,

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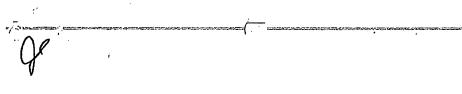
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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY

OCT 29 2013

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA, TULBA GOUNTY

MONSI LGGRKE

Plaintiff,

CJ-2013-04766

- vs -

Case No.

DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES And LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

Defendants.

SUMMONS CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

Liberty Mutual Group Inc.

You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and you are directed to file a written Answer to the attached Petition in the court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Plaintiff.

Unless you respond to the Petition within the time stated, judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition, together with the costs of the action.

Issued on October \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Sally Howe Smith, COURT CLERK

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Deputy Court Clerk

Mark Edwards, OBA# 16570 The Edwards Law Firm 321 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 1 P.O. Box 1066 McAlester, Ok 74502 Telephone 918-302-3700 Fax 918-302-3701 Attorney for Plaintiff

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766 Judge Chappelle
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	) )	DISTRICT COURT

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QUALIFIED ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND
REQUEST FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIMBALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK
IN WHICH TO FURTHER ANSWER OR PLEADING OF CRUA: THERA GOUNTY

Pursuant to 12 Okla. Stat. § 2012, Harry A. Parrish of Franden | Woodard | Farris | Quillin + Goodnight, Williams Center Tower II, Ste. 900, 2 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, hereby enters a qualified entry of appearance and request for enlargement of time in which to further answer or plead on behalf of Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., and reserves an additional twenty days, or until December 2, 2013, within which to further plead or answer.

Pursuant to Young v Walton, 1991 OK 20, this qualified entry of appearance does not waive any defense enumerated in 12 O.S. § 2012(B), including defenses numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. See also First Texas Savings Association v. Bernsen, 921 P.2d 1293 (OK CIV. APP. 1996) (holding that a defendant may qualify an entry of appearance and request additional time to further plead pursuant to 12 O.S. 2012(A). The qualified entry of appearance and request for additional time will not waive the defenses enumerated in §2012(B).



Respectfully submitted,

Harry A. Parrish, OBA #11463

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Attorney for Defendant

Liberty Mutual Group Inc.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this day of November, 2013, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed via U.S. Mail, sufficient postage prepaid, to the following:

Mark L. Edwards The Edwards Law Firm P.O. Box 1066 McAlester, OK 74848 Attorney for Plaintiff



# IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Plaintiff,	)	SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY
vs.	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766
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DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES,	)	
and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	)	
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		JP INC.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S
PETITION AND LIBERTY MUT	UAI	L GROUP INC.'S CROSS-CLAIM

Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc., for its answer to Plaintiff's petition filed herein,

#### alleges and states:

- 1. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraphs 1, 4, 5, and 6 of the petition.
- 2. Defendant admits, upon information and belief, the allegations of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Plaintiff's petition.
- 3. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 7 of the petition.
- 4. Defendant admits that an accident occurred generally at the time and place alleged in paragraph 8, and further admits, upon information and belief, that Plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle as alleged. Defendant denies the remainder of paragraph 8.
- 5. Paragraphs 9 through 12 and 13 through 17 do not contain allegations against this Defendant, and this Defendant is not required to respond further. To the extent these paragraphs do contain allegations against this Defendant, they are denied.
- 6. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's petition.
- 7. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraphs 19, 20, and 21 of the petition.
- Defendant specifically denies that the co-defendants were uninsured or underinsured, and
   Plaintiff is therefore precluded from recovering against this Defendant.



- 9. By way of further defense, Defendant alleges that the injuries complained of by Plaintiff were preexisting in nature, and were neither caused nor worsened by the subject accident.
- 10. As discovery has not yet begun, Defendant is without sufficient information to assert other defenses beyond those contained herein, and Defendant hereby reserves the right to amend its answer prior to pretrial herein.

WHEREFORE, having answered fully, Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. prays that Plaintiff take nothing by way of his petition filed herein against this Defendant, and that this Defendant have judgment in its favor, together with its costs and such other relief as the Court deems proper.

#### CROSS-CLAIM

COMES NOW the Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., and for its cross-claim against Defendants Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes, alleges and states:

- Plaintiff has alleged that co-defendants negligently caused an accident, resulting in injuries to Plaintiff, and that co-defendants were uninsured or underinsured at the time of the accident, and for these reasons, Plaintiff is entitled to recover uninsured motorist benefits from this Defendant under a policy issued by it to Plaintiff.
- In the event Plaintiff is entitled to recover against this Defendant, this Defendant is
  entitled, pursuant to the terms of its policy and pursuant to Oklahoma statute, to recover
  against the co-defendants.

WHEREFORE, in the event Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. is found liable to Plaintiff, Liberty Mutual Group Inc. prays for judgment against Defendants Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes for all such sums, together with its costs and such other relief as the Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harry A. Parrish, OBA #11463

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Attorney for Defendant

Liberty Mutual Group Inc.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Harry A. Parris



### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTYJAN - 3 2014

MONSI LGGRKE

Plaintiff,

CJ-2013-04766

- vs 
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES
And LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

### SUMMONS CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: Demetries Deering

You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and you are directed to file a written Answer to the attached Petition in the court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Plaintiff.

Unless you respond to the Petition within the time stated, judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition, together with the costs of the action.

Issued on October <u>(</u>, 2013.

Defendants.

Sally Howe Smith, COURT CLERK

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State of OKLAHOMA County of TULSA District Court

Case Number: CJ-2013-04766

Plaintiff:

**MONSI LGGRKE** 

vs

Defendant:

DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC

Received by Malan Investigations on the 27th day of December, 2013 at 7:30 pm to be served on **DEMETRIES DEERING**, 7132 S UTICA AVE APT 915, TULSA, OK 74136.

I, SCOTT MALAN, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 29th day of December, 2013 at 2:48 pm, I:

INDIVIDUALLY/PERSONALLY served by delivering a true copy of the Summons and Petition with the date and hour of service endorsed thereon by me, to: DEMETRIES DEERING at the address of: 3167 S 130TH E PL, TULSA, OK 74134, and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

I certify that I am over the age of 18, have no interest in the above action, and am a Certified Process Server, in good standing, in the judicial circuit in which the process was served.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 30th day of December, 2013 by the affiant who is personally known to

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY

MONSI LGGRKE 2013-04766 Plaintiff, - VS -Case No. DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES And LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC. Defendants.

### **SUMMONS**

CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: Kara Hughes

You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and you are directed to file a written Answer to the attached Petition in the court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Plaintiff.

Unless you respond to the Petition within the time stated, judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition, together with the costs of the action.

Issued on October 6, 2013.

Sally Howe Smith, COURT CLERK

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Deputy Court

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

State-of OKLAHOMA

**County of TULSA** 

**District Court** 

Case Number: CJ-2013-04766

Plaintiff:

**MONSI LGGRKE** 

vs

Defendant:

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### DISTRICT COURT IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA FEB 1 9 2014

MONSTLGGRKE, SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY laintiff, Case No. CJ-2013-4766 Judge Chappelle DEMETRIES-DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

#### MOTION TO ENTER SCHEDULING ORDER

COMES NOW, the Plaintiffs and hereby moves this Court, to enter a Scheduling Order and in support of this Motion states:

- Case CJ-2013-4766 was filed on October 16, 2013. To date no Scheduling 1. Order has been entered.
- 2. In order to complete discovery and set a Pretrial Hearing, this Court should enter a Scheduling Order in this case.

THEREFORE, Plaintiffs requests that this Court enter a Scheduling Order in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARDS LAW-PIRM

By:

Trevor J. Furlong, OBA #20208

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Attorney for the Plaintiff





# IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY FEB 2 6 2014

MONSI LGGRKE,	)	SALLY HOWE SHITH COURT CLERK
Plaintiff,	)	3
vs.  DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and Liberty MUTUAL GROUP INC.  ORDER SETTING	j j ) ) πearing	
Plaintiff's Motion to Enter Scheduling Order con advised, finds:	e setting of	f the hearing on the the Court, being fully
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that thi	s matter be	scheduled for hearing on
the alo day of March, 2014, at _9 o'clo	ck, <u>A</u> .m.	
ORDERED this 21 day of February, 2014		THE DISTRICT COURT

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the <u>\\rac{1740}</u> day of February, 2014, that I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing document with postage prepaid to the following:

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Demetries Deering 3167 S. 130<sup>th</sup> E Pl Tulsa, OK 74134

Kara Hughes 3167 S. 130<sup>th</sup> E Pl Tulsa, OK 74134

Trevor J. Furlong





DISTRICT COURT
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OWN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY

	STATE OF OKLAHOMA	MAR 1 2 2014
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	Plaintiff, )	SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY
vs.	,	CJ-2013-4766
	) Judge Ch ETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, ) IBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC. )	аррене
	AGREED SCHEDULING ORDER	
	THIS ORDER is entered this 10th day of March	<u>6</u> , 2014.
compl	el have discussed with the Court their respective need for adequexity of legal issues to be addressed, and their caseload in arruling Order.	
IT IS	SO ORDERED that the following must be completed within th	e time fixed:
1.	ADDITIONAL PARTIES to be joined and AMENDED PLEADINGS to be filed by:	April 7, 2014
2.	Parties shall exchange PRELIMINARY LISTS OF WITNESSES AND EXHIBITS by:	<u>May 4, 2014</u>
3.	DISCOVERY must be completed by:	July 27, 2014
4.	DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS will not be considered If filed after:	August 11, 2014
5.	SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE OR MEDIATION DATE & TIME:	August 31, 2014
6.	PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE DATE & TIME: (Jury Fee must be paid by time of pre-trial conference. 28 6)	<u>5 ept 30, 2014@ 9:30AM</u> D.S. Sec 152.1 (B))
7.	TRIAL DATE:	Set at Pre-Trial
8.	ESTIMATED TIME FOR TRIAL:	2 days
9.	REQUESTED JURY INSTRUCTIONS must be filed by:	5 days prior to Trial



10.	PROPOSED FINDINGS OF I OF LAW (Non-Jury) must be		<u>N/A</u>
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	Plaintiff,	)	STATE	E OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY
vs.		)	Case No. CJ-	
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7.	TRIAL DATE:			Set at Pre-Trial
8.	ESTIMATED TIME FOR TRIAL:			2 days
9.	REQUESTED JURY INSTRUCTIONS mo	ust be fil	ed by:	5 days prior to Trial



10. PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS: OF LAW (Non-Jury) must be filed by: <u>N/A</u> 11. TRIAL BRIEF must be filed by. N/A 12. ADDITIONAL ORDERS: \_\_\_N/A (Non-Jury) must be filed by: MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF Monsi Liggrke shall be completed no later than August 2, 2014 THE MEDICAL EXAMINER shall submit the report to counsel requesting the examination, who shall submit a complete copy to all counsel, no later than August 16, 2014 No date set by this Order can be changed except for good cause and upon written Order of this Court. Dated: 3-3/74 JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT We have presented to the Court our views of time requirements established by this Scheduling Order. Trevor J-Furlong, OBA @20.208 -Harry A. Parish, OBA#11463 The Edwards Law Firm 321 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 1 FRANDEN, WOODARD, FARRIS, QUILLIN & GOODNIGHT P.O. Box 1066 Williams Center Tower II McAlester, Oklahoma 74502 (918) 302-3700 Telephone Two West Second Street, Ste. 900 Tulsa, OK 74103-310! (918) 302-3701 Facsimile (918) 583-7129 Telephone Attorney for the Plaintiff (918) 584-3814 Facsimile Attorney for the Defendant, Liberty

Mutual Group, Inc.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766
) ) )	Judge Chappelle  DISTRICT COURT
	) ) ) ) )

### PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO AMEND PETITION TO ADD BAD FAITH CLAIM

JUN 25 2014

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke, and moves the Court to alarwormer CLERK amend his petition. Plaintiff seeks to add a claim of bad faith against the defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc. arising out of their conduct and processing of the claim in the subject motor vehicle collision. In support of Plaintiff's motion he provides the Court with the following:

- This matter concerns a two vehicle collision and Uninsured Motorist claim. The collision occurred on August 1, 2012. The collision occurred in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 2. Through the Court's Scheduling Order there was a deadline for amendments to pleadings of May 7, 2014.
- 3. The parties engaged in a mediation on June 12, 2014. During that mediation it was very apparent Liberty Mutual had grossly undervalued and otherwise not done a fair investigation of the claim of Plaintiff. Prior to that day there was not an offer or other discussion between the parties as to a valuation placed on the claim by Liberty Mutual.

- 4. Through the discovery in this case Plaintiff believes Defendant has breached its duty to deal fairly and in good faith in the handling of his underinsured motorist claim.
- For the sake of judicial economy Plaintiff should be allowed to add any and all claims he has against all Defendants for the motor vehicle collision of August 1,
   2012 in one case.
- 6. Discovery is currently ongoing in this case.
- 7. Pursuant to 12 OS §2015(A) this Court should permit plaintiff to amend his petition when justice so requires.
- 8. Plaintiff believes Liberty Mutual Group Inc. would not be prejudiced in any way if he was allowed to add the causes of action listed above.
- 9. Plaintiff contacted Defendant about this motion. They object to the proposed amendments to Plaintiff's Petition.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests leave of Court to amend his Petition to add causes of action against the Defendant as described above along with all other appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted

Trevor J. Furlong, OBA #20208

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of June 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was mailed with proper postage fully prepaid thereon, to the following:

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Tulsa, OK 74103
Attorney for Defendant Liberty Mutual

Trevor J. Furlong

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
•	)	
v.	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766
	)	Honorable Carlos Chapelle
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)	
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL	)	DISTRICT COURT
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Defendants.	)	JUL 1 4 2014

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA: TULSA COUNTY

Lindy H. Collins, of the law firm Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum, PC, hereby enters her appearance on behalf of the Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., in the above captioned cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy H. Collins, OBA No. 30579

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of July, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

Trevor J. Furlong
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#### ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)					
Plaintiff,	)					
v.	) ) )	Case No. CJ-2013-4766 Honorable Carlos Chapelle				
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#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STRIP OF HALF THESK COUNTY

William W. O'Connor, of the law firm Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum, PC, hereby enters his appearance on behalf of the Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., in the above captioned cause.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. O'Connor, OBA No. 13200

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of July, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

Trevor J. Furlong
THE EDWARDS LAW FIRM
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#### ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

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	)	Honorable Carlos Chapelle					
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)						
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL	)						
GROUP INC.	)						
	)						
Defendants.	)						

# DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO AMEND PETITION

Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. ("Liberty Mutual") respectfully requests that the Court deny the Motion to Amend Petition of Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke ("Plaintiff"), filed June 25, 2014. In support of this Response, Liberty Mutual states the following:

- 1. Plaintiff filed a lawsuit against Liberty Mutual on October 16, 2013, alleging that Liberty Mutual is liable to Plaintiff for underinsured motorist benefits resulting from a motor vehicle accident on August 1, 2012.
- 2. Plaintiff has failed to prosecute his claim since the filing of the Petition.

  Indeed, Plaintiff waited until June 18, 2014 to serve discovery on Liberty Mutual.

- 3. The current scheduling order required the parties to amend the pleadings on or before May 7, 2014. Nonetheless, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Amend Petition to Add Bad Faith Claim on June 25, 2014.
- 4. Plaintiff has inexcusably failed to prosecute his claims and comply with the scheduling order, and Liberty Mutual respectfully submits that it should not be permitted to add new claims to the pending lawsuit at this time.
- 5. Plaintiff's confusing Motion states that, "[t]hrough discovery in this case," Liberty Mutual failed to deal fairly and in good faith in the handling of Plaintiff's underinsured motorist claim. To the extent that Liberty Mutual has not yet responded to Plaintiff's first set of discovery, Plaintiff's basis for the belated request to amend the Petition is meritless and illogical.
- 6. Significantly, the litigation conduct of a Defendant may not serve as evidence of bad faith under Oklahoma law. The Oklahoma state and federal courts have "refused to recognize a bad faith claim against an insurer based solely on an insurance company's alleged post-litigation conduct of disputing an insured's damages.

  ... Rather, after a lawsuit is pending, to hold an insurer's acceptable litigation tactics as evidence of bad faith would be to deny the insurer a complete defense. To date, the courts have <u>uniformly rejected</u> the argument that an insurer can be guilty of bad faith for simply defending itself in a coverage litigation and taking advantage, even zealously so, of every right afforded under applicable state and federal discovery rules." *Andres*

v. Okla. Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co., 2012 OK CIV APP 93, ¶ 13, 290 P.3d 15, 2012 Okla. Civ. App. LEXIS 77 (Okla. Ct. App. 2012). Accordingly, Plaintiff's proposed new claim of bad faith discovery conduct would fail. As such, Plaintiff's request to amend the Petition to add such a claim should be denied.

For the above and foregoing reasons, Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. respectfully requests that the Court deny Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Petition to Add Bad Faith Claim.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy H. Collins, OBA No. 30579

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766 Judge Chappelle
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	) )	

#### APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD

Harry A. Parrish of Franden, Woodard, Farris, Quillin & Goodnight, counsel of record for Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., respectfully requests that the Court allow him to withdraw as attorney for said Defendant for the reason that the firm of Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum, P.C. has been retained to represent Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

By Named & Ramel
Harry A. Parrish, OBA #11463

FRANDEN, WOODARD, FARRIS,

QUILLIN & GOODNIGHT

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Attorney for Defendant

Liberty Mutual Group Inc.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed, properly addressed and postage fully prepaid to:

Mark L. Edwards The Edwards Law Firm P.O. Box 1066 McAlester, OK 74848 Attorney for Plaintiff

William W. O'Connor Lindy H. Collins Newton, O'Connor, Turner, & Ketchum, P.C. 15 West Sixth Street, Suite 2700 Tulsa, OK 74119 Attorneys for Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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### ORDER ALLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

Upon application of Harry A. Parrish of the law firm of Franden, Woodard, Farris, Quillin & Goodnight, requesting that this Court enter an order allowing him to withdraw as counsel of record for the Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., and as the law firm of Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum, P.C. has entered an appearance to represent Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. in the above-styled and numbered cause of action, and for good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Harry A. Parrish is hereby granted leave to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.

Dated: 17-21-14 CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Submitted by:

Harry A. Parrish, OBA #11463
FRANDEN, WOODARD, FARRIS,
QUILLIN & GOODNIGHT
Two West Second St., Suite 900
Tulsa, OK 74103-3101
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Attorney for Defendant
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# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY JUL 28 2014 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKLA, TULSA COUNTY

**ORDER** 

On this Add of Jaly, 2014, the following matters in the designated case on for decision, pursuant to the rules of the District Court for Tulsa County. The Clerk of the Court is directed to notify counsel of record of the indicated decision by mailing a copy of this Order to them and to file a copy of this order in this case.

CARLOS J CHAPPELLE, DISTRICT JUDGE

CJ-2013-4766

MONSI LGGRKE, PLAINTIFF vs. DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC., DEFENDANTS.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO AMEND PETITION TO ADD BAD FAITH CLAIM FILED 06-25-14 IS GRANTED. PLAINTIFF SHALL HAVE 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER TO FILE AN AMENDED PETITION, AND DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC., SHALL HAVE 20 DAYS THEREAFTER TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THE AMENDED PETITION.

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF TO PREPARE ORDER.

NOTICE TO:

TREVOR FURLONG, POBOX 1066, MCALESTER, OK 74502;

HARRY PARRISH, WILLIAMS CENTER TOWER II, 2 WEST 2ND ST,

STE 900, TULSA, OK 74103;

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

I, Sally Howe Smith, Court Clerk of Tulsa County, hereby certify that on the day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014 a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was mailed to each of the attorney listed above and a true and correct copy of the foregoing order was filed in each of the above foregoing cases.

SALLY HOWE SMITH, Court Clerk

Betty Steward, Deputy Clerk

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Defendants.	)					•

#### MOTION TO EXTEND EXISTING SCHEDULING ORDER DEADLINES

Defendant Liberty Mutual Group ("Liberty Mutual"), respectfully moves the Court for an extension of the existing scheduling order deadlines by ninety (90) days. Liberty Mutual attaches a Second Agreed Amended Scheduling Order, Exhibit A, containing the new deadlines. In support of this Motion, Liberty Mutual states as follows:

- 1. On April 3, 2014, the Court entered the Amended Agreed Scheduling Order.
- 2. Since the Court's entry of the Amended Agreed Scheduling Order, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Amend Petition to Add Bad Faith Claim ("Plaintiff's Motion"). On July 28, 2104, the Court granted Plaintiff's Motion, ordered Plaintiff to file his amended petition within twenty (20) days, and ordered Defendant Liberty Mutual Group to file its Answer within twenty (20) days thereafter. As a result, the parties

require additional time for discovery related to the bad faith claim.

- 3. Liberty Mutual respectfully submits that a ninety (90) day continuance of the scheduling order deadlines is necessary.
- 4. Plaintiff does not object to the requested extension. Plaintiff has agreed to the proposed dates and signed the Second Agreed Amended Scheduling Order attached as Exhibit A.
- 5. Liberty Mutual respectfully requests that all remaining deadlines in the current Amended Agreed Scheduling Order be extended by ninety (90) days, as set forth in the Exhibit A.
- 6. This extension is not sought for purposes of delay, but instead to allow adequate time for discovery.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, respectfully requests that the Court grant this Joint Motion and enter the Second Agreed Amended Scheduling Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindy H. Collins, OBA No. 30579

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of August, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

Trevor J. Furlong
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

William W. O'Connor

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
v. DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	) Case No. CJ-2013-4766 ) Honorable Carlos Chappelle ) )
Defendants.	)
SECOND AGREED A	MENDED SCHEDULING ORDER
This Order is entered this	day of August, 2014.
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<ol> <li>Parties shall exchange PREI EXHIBITS by:</li> </ol>	LIMINARY LISTS OF WITNESSES AND September 2, 2014
2. DISCOVERY must be comp	oleted by: November 25, 2014
3. DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS w	vill not be considered if filed after: <u>December 10</u> ,
4. SETTLEMENT CONFEREN	NCE OR MEDIATION to be completed by:  December 29, 2104
5. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE (Jury Fee must be paid by t	DATE & TIME: time of pre-trial conference, 28 O.S. § 152.1 (B))
6. TRIAL DATE:	EXHIBIT  To be set at pretrial

7. ESTIMATED TIME FOR TRIAL	<b>:</b>	1 week
8. REQUESTED JURY INSTRUCT	IONS must be filed by:	5 days prior to trial
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10. Trial Brief must be filed by:		n/a
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No date set by this Order can be Order of this Court.	changed except for go	od cause on written
	Carlos Chappelle District Judge	•

We have presented to the Court our views of time requirements established by this Scheduling Order.

Trevor J. Furlong, OBA No. 20208 THE EDWARDS LAW FIRM 321 S. Third Street, Suite 1 P.O. Box 1066 McAlester, OK 74502

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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ATTORNEY FOR LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP

# **EXHIBIT 20**





### DISTRICT COURT IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY

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### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE	)
Plaintiff,	) SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK ) STATE OF OKLA. TULBA COUNTY )
- VS -	) Case No. CJ-2013-4766
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES And LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	) Honorable Carlos Chapelle )
Defendants.	, )

#### **FIRST AMENDED PETITION**

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff by and through his attorneys of record, Mark L. Edwards and Trevor J. Furlong, and for his cause of action against the Defendants, Demetries Deering, Kara Hughes and Liberty Mutual Group Inc., alleges and states as follows:

- 1. That the Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke is a resident of the city of Tulsa, in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- That the Defendant, Demetries Deering, is a resident of the city of Tulsa, in Tulsa 2. County, Oklahoma.
- That the Defendant, Kara Hughes, is a resident of the city of Tulsa, in Tulsa 3. County, Oklahoma.
- That the Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc., is the Plaintiff's uninsured/ 4. underinsured motorist carrier, at the time of the collision. Therefore, Plaintiff brings this action against Liberty Mutual Group Inc. to establish his rights to the underinsured motorist coverage.
- That the accident which gives rise to this action occurred on Execute 2012 in 5. Tulsa County, Oklahoma.



- 6. That this Court has jurisdiction and venue in this matter.
- 7. That the Plaintiff was without fault and that the damages from the accident were directly and proximately caused by and due to the negligence of the Defendant, Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes as set forth below.
- 8. That on or about August 1, 2012 Plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped at a red light on E. 71<sup>st</sup> street in the westbound left turn lane on South Wheeling Avenue. Plaintiff was waiting to turn left when he was struck from behind by Demetries Deering.
- 9. That Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke sustained serious injuries to his neck as a result of the motor vehicle collision.
  - 10. Those neck injuries required surgery.
- 11. Plaintiff continually requested Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., approve payment of the necessary medical treatment for his neck injury.
- 12. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., continually failed to respond to Plaintiff's requests.
- 13. Multiple physicians' offices contacted Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., advising them of the necessity of the medical treatment of Plaintiff. Each time Liberty Mutual either denied the service or failed to respond.
- 14. Plaintiff presented his claim to Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc. They evaluated the claim well below the document medical expenses without any good faith basis to do so.

#### **COUNT I**

15. That Defendant, Demetries Deering, was negligent in striking the back of the

vehicle containing Plaintiff.

- 16. That as a result of that negligence Plaintiff was injured and has suffered damages.
- 17. That Plaintiff's damages include, but are not limited to past and future physical pain and suffering, past and future mental anguish, medical expenses and permanent injury.
- 18. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, Demetries Deering, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT II**

- 19. That Defendant, Kara Hughes, was the owner of the vehicle driven by Defendant Demetries Deering when the aforementioned wreck occurred.
- 20. That Defendant, Kara Hughes, negligently entrusted her vehicle to Defendant Demetries Deering.
- 21. That as a result of that negligent entrustment Plaintiff was injured and has suffered damages.
- 22. That Plaintiff's damages include, but are not limited to past and future physical pain and suffering, past and future mental anguish, medical expenses and permanent injury.
- 23. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, Kara Hughes, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT III**

- 24. That Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., insured the Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke with an automobile policy that provided uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage.
- 25. That Defendant's Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes were at the time of the aforementioned collision, uninsured or underinsured as defined in Plaintiff's policy with

Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc.

- 26. That due to the nature and extent of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc., is bound to pay Plaintiff the limits of said policy, or \$500,000.00.
- 27. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT IV**

- 28. That Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc. had a contract to pay uninsured/underinsured motorist benefits to its insured and those occupants of the vehicle covered by Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc.
- 29. Plaintiff is the spouse and occupant of the a vehicle insured by Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc.
- 30. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke by failing to timely pay his claim.
- 31. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke by failing to properly investigate the claim of Plaintiff.
- 32. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke in other was to be determined through discovery.
- 33. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT V**

- 34. That Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., had a duty to act in good faith when dealing with Plaintiff's underinsured/uninsured motorist claim.
- 35. That the claim made by Plaintiff on the policy of Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. is a valid claim under the above mentioned insurance policy.
  - 36. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., is required to pay under its policy.
  - 37. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., did not perform a proper investigation.
- 38. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., did not act properly on the results of their investigation.
- 39. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., did not properly evaluate the results of its investigation properly.
- 40. The amount offered on the claim of Plaintiff by Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group Inc., to satisfy the claim was unreasonably low.
- 41. Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., did not fairly and in good faith deal with Plaintiff.
- 42. The violation by Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., of its duty of good faith and fair dealing was the direct cause of the injury sustained by Plaintiff.
- 43. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND RESERVED ATTORNEY LIEN CLAIMED

Respectfully submitted,

THE EDWARDS LAW FIRM

Mark L. Edwards, ØBA # 16570 Trevor J. Furlong, OBA#20208 The Edwards Law Firm P.O. Box 1066 McAlester, OK. 74848 (918) 302-3700 (918) 302-3701

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# **EXHIBIT 21**

	COURT OF TULSA COUNTY  E OF OKLAHOMA  AUG 8 2014
MONSI LGGRKE,	SALLY HOWE SMITH
Plaintiff,	SALLY HOWE SMITH CONFIT CLERK  ) ) )
v. DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	) Case No. CJ-2013-4766 ) Honorable Carlos Chappelle
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.	) ) )
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SECOND AGREED A	MENDED SCHEDULING ORDER
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10.	Trial Brief must be filed by:	n/a
11.	ADDITIONAL ORDERS: (Non-Jury) must be field by:	n/a

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF Monsi L'Ggrke shall be completed no later than: October 31, 2014.

THE MEDICAL EXAMINER shall submit the report to counsel requesting the examination who shall submit a complete copy to all counsel, no later than: <a href="November 14">November 14</a>, 2014

No date set by this Order can be changed except for good cause on written Order of this Court.

Carlos Chappelle

District Judge

We have presented to the Court our views of time requirements established by this Scheduling Order.

Trevor J. Furlong, OBA No. 20208

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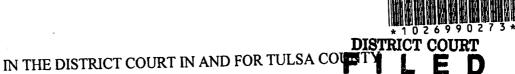
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# **EXHIBIT 22**





#### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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MONSI LGGRKE	) SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK ) STATE OF OKLA, TULSA COUNTY
Plaintiff,	)
- vs -	) Case No. CJ-2013-4766
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA HUGHES And LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,  Defendants.	<ul><li>) Honorable Carlos Chapelle</li><li>)</li><li>)</li><li>)</li><li>)</li></ul>
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- 5. That the accident which gives rise to this action occurred on August 1, 2012 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
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- 25. That Defendant's Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes were at the time of the aforementioned collision, uninsured or underinsured as defined in Plaintiff's policy with Defendant, LM General Insurance Company.
- 26. That due to the nature and extent of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, is bound to pay Plaintiff the limits of said policy, or \$500,000.00.
- 27. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, LM General Insurance Company in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be entitled.

#### **COUNT IV**

- 28. That Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, had a contract to pay uninsured/underinsured motorist benefits to its insured and those occupants of the vehicle covered by Defendant, LM General Insurance Company.
- 29. Plaintiff is the spouse and occupant of the a vehicle insured by Defendant, LM General Insurance Company.
- 30. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke by failing to timely pay his claim.
- 31. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke by failing to properly investigate the claim of Plaintiff.
- 32. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, has breached its contract with Plaintiff, Monsi L'Ggrke in other was to be determined through discovery.
- 33. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he

may be entitled.

#### **COUNT V**

- 34. That Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, had a duty to act in good faith when dealing with Plaintiff's underinsured/uninsured motorist claim.
- 35. That the claim made by Plaintiff on the policy of LM General Insurance Company is a valid claim under the above mentioned insurance policy.
  - 36. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, is required to pay under its policy.
- 37. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, did not perform a proper investigation.
- 38. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, did not act properly on the results of their investigation.
- 39. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, did not properly evaluate the results of its investigation properly.
- 40. The amount offered on the claim of Plaintiff by Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, to satisfy the claim was unreasonably low.
- 41. Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, did not fairly and in good faith deal with Plaintiff.
- 42. The violation by Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, of its duty of good faith and fair dealing was the direct cause of the injury sustained by Plaintiff.
- 43. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, LM General Insurance Company, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, his costs, and other relief to which he may be

entitled.

### JURY TRIAL DEMAND RESERVED ATTORNEY LIEN CLAIMED

Respectfully submitted,

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### **EXHIBIT 23**

IN THE DISTRIC	COURT OF TULSA COUNTY
STAT	E OF OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT
MONSI LGGRKE,	) SEP 3 - 2014
Plaintiff,	) SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK STATE OF OKILA. TULBA GOUNTY
v.	) Case No. CJ-2013-4766
	) Honorable Carlos Chappelle
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL	)
GROUP INC.	)
	)
Defendants.	)

### DEFENDANT LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Defendant LM General Insurance Company ("Defendant") respectfully moves the Court for entry of an Agreed Protective Order in the subject litigation. In support of this Motion, Defendant states as follows:

- 1. Discovery in this litigation may involve the production of information that includes disclosure of confidential, trade secret, proprietary, technical, business, and/or financial information of the parties or of non-parties, including, but not limited to, claims handling policies and procedures, claims handling training materials, and other claims handling documents.
- 2. The Agreed Protective Order requested provides a mechanism to protect the disclosure of such information, except for the legitimate purposes of this litigation.

3. Counsel for Defendant has contacted counsel for Plaintiff to determine whether Plaintiff approves the proposed Agreed Protective Order. Plaintiff's counsel has advised that he approves and has signed the Agreed Protective Order, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Defendant LM General Insurance Company respectfully requests that the Court enter the proposed Agreed Protective Order, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. & Connor, OBA No. 13200

Lindy H. Collins, OBA No. 30579

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 3rd day of September, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)	•
Plaintiff,	)	
<b>v.</b>	) ) }	Case No. CJ-2013-4766 Honorable Carlos Chappelle
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)	,,
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL	)	
GROUP INC.	)	
	)	•
Defendants.	)	

#### AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke and Defendant LM General Insurance Company acknowledge that certain documents produced in this action may contain trade secret, confidential research, development or commercial information, or personal confidential information. The parties, by and through their attorneys of record, therefore agree and it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Any party may designate as "confidential" any documents or any portion of a document produced by it in this litigation. The party making the designation of confidential material represents that it has done so after a bona fide determination made in good faith that the material is in fact a trade secret, confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal confidential information. Each document or portion of a document the party in good faith believes to contain trade

secret, confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal confidential information shall be marked "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order." The party shall take care that its designation does not obscure or render illegible the information on the document so designated.

- 2. Any party may designate as "confidential" a deposition or portion of a deposition taken in this matter by stating on the record that the party is designating the deposition or a portion of the deposition "confidential" or by advising the court reporter and counsel for all other parties, in writing, within twenty (20) days of receiving the deposition transcript of the page(s) and lines of the deposition that the party deems "confidential."
  - 3. As used in this Protective Order:
    - a. "Trade secret" shall have the same meaning as in 78 O.S. § 86(4).
    - b. "Confidential research, development or commercial information" shall refer to information that is maintained in secrecy from third parties and which would result in substantial competitive harm if publicly disclosed.
    - c. "Personal confidential information" shall include a person's social security number, medical records, personnel file, bank records, tax information, and other sensitive, non-public information.
- 4. Any party may challenge any other party's designation of a document or portion of a document as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order." A party shall

not be obliged to challenge the propriety of a "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order" designation at the time made, and failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. In the event that any party to this litigation takes issue at any stage of these proceedings with such designation, such party shall provide to the producing party written notice of its disagreement with the designation. The producing party shall respond, in writing, within ten (10) days, by stating whether it agrees or disagrees that designation should be removed. The parties shall attempt to dispose of such dispute in good faith on an informal basis. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the producing party shall have twenty (20) days to seek relief from the Court. If the producing party fails to seek relief within the time prescribed, the document shall no longer be subject to this Protective Order. The fact a document has been designated as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order" shall not create a presumption the document is, in fact, confidential or entitled to protection by this Protective Order. The burden of establishing that a document contains trade secret, confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal confidential information and is entitled to the protection of this Protective Order shall remain on the party making the designation. Further, a party's agreement to this Protective Order does not prejudice the party's right to move the Court to lift the Protective Order for good cause.

- 5. Documents designated as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order" may be disclosed only to the following persons, unless prior written consent to further disclosure has been obtained from counsel for the designating party or permission for such disclosure has been given by the Court:
  - a. The Court under seal pursuant to the terms of this Order;
  - b. The attorneys working on this action on behalf of any party, including inside, outside and consulting counsel, their legal associates, paralegals, and employees working under the supervision of such counsel;
  - c. Any director, officer or employee of a party who is required by such party to work directly on this litigation, with disclosure only to the extent necessary to perform such work;
  - d. Any person not employed by a party who is expressly retained or sought to be retained by any attorney described in paragraph 5(b) to assist in the prosecution or defense of this action, including outside experts and their employees;
  - e. Any actual or potential deposition or trial witnesses; and
  - f. Any mediator mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The persons described in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) shall have access to "Confidential" material only after they have been made aware of the terms of this Order and have manifested their assent to be bound thereby.

6. It shall not be deemed a violation of this Order for counsel to disseminate documents designated as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order" at deposition or as part of their filings with the Court. In the event that any "Confidential" material is used in any deposition, filing or court proceeding during the course of this litigation, it shall not lose its "Confidential" status through such use. Any material designated as "Confidential" under this Order shall, when filed with the Court, be submitted in a sealed envelope or other container, and shall be prominently labeled on the first page:

"Contains Confidential Information - Subject to Court Order"

Any documents marked as "Confidential" pursuant to this Protective Order that are admitted into evidence at trial of this matter will lose their confidential status unless otherwise ordered by this Court at the request of the producing party.

- 7. This Protective Order is not intended to preclude use or disclosure of any document or information which is in the public domain, or which has been provided to a party, his/her/its attorneys or experts, by a source independent of the designating party or his/her/its attorney.
- 8. Any of the undersigned may request the Court to modify or otherwise grant relief from any provision of this Order. Nothing in this Order shall operate as an admission by any party that any particular document is, or is not, admissible in evidence at the trial of this action.

- 9. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a waiver of any rights by any party with respect to matters not specifically provided for herein.
- 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Protective Order and decide any issues relating to or arising from it. If the terms of this Protective Order are violated, the Court may grant such relief to the producing party as is just and necessary.
- 11. The terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect and shall survive the final resolution of this litigation unless the Order is terminated or modified in writing by the parties or by further order of the Court.
- 12. All requests made by a party for a document to be filed "under seal" in accordance with this Order shall be made by motion and conform to the requirements set forth in 12 O.S. § 3226(C)(2), 51 O.S. § 24A.29, and Local Rule 10.1.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS	day of	2014.
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	The Honorable Car	los Chappelle
	Judge of the Distric	et Court

Approved:

Trevor J. Furlong 03A # 20208

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# **EXHIBIT 24**

IN T	HE D	STRICT	COURT	OF	TULSA	COUNTY
		STATE	OF OKL	AH	OMA	

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MONSI LGGRKE,	)			SEP	4 -	2014	
Plaintiff,	)		SALI.Y	HOWE S	MOH.	COURT	e pov
v.	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766	STAT	E OF OK	I.A. TÜ	COUFIT ( LSA COU	NIY
	)	Honorable Carlos Chappelle					
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)						
HUGHES, and LIBERTY MUTUAL	)						
GROUP INC.	)						
	)						
Defendants.	)						

#### AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke and Defendant LM General Insurance Company acknowledge that certain documents produced in this action may contain trade secret, confidential research, development or commercial information, or personal confidential information. The parties, by and through their attorneys of record, therefore agree and it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Any party may designate as "confidential" any documents or any portion of a document produced by it in this litigation. The party making the designation of confidential material represents that it has done so after a bona fide determination made in good faith that the material is in fact a trade secret, confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal confidential information. Each document or portion of a document the party in good faith believes to contain trade

secret, confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal confidential information shall be marked "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order." The party shall take care that its designation does not obscure or render illegible the information on the document so designated.

2. Any party may designate as "confidential" a deposition or portion of a deposition taken in this matter by stating on the record that the party is designating the deposition or a portion of the deposition "confidential" or by advising the court reporter and counsel for all other parties, in writing, within twenty (20) days of receiving the deposition transcript of the page(s) and lines of the deposition that the party deems "confidential."

#### 3. As used in this Protective Order:

- a. "Trade secret" shall have the same meaning as in 78 O.S. § 86(4).
- b. "Confidential research, development or commercial information" shall refer to information that is maintained in secrecy from third parties and which would result in substantial competitive harm if publicly disclosed.
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- 4. Any party may challenge any other party's designation of a document or portion of a document as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order." A party shall

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- 5. Documents designated as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective Order" may be disclosed only to the following persons, unless prior written consent to further disclosure has been obtained from counsel for the designating party or permission for such disclosure has been given by the Court:
  - a. The Court under seal pursuant to the terms of this Order;
  - b. The attorneys working on this action on behalf of any party, including inside, outside and consulting counsel, their legal associates, paralegals, and employees working under the supervision of such counsel;
  - c. Any director, officer or employee of a party who is required by such party to work directly on this litigation, with disclosure only to the extent necessary to perform such work;
  - d. Any person not employed by a party who is expressly retained or sought to be retained by any attorney described in paragraph 5(b) to assist in the prosecution or defense of this action, including outside experts and their employees;
  - e. Any actual or potential deposition or trial witnesses; and
  - f. Any mediator mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The persons described in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) shall have access to "Confidential" material only after they have been made aware of the terms of this Order and have manifested their assent to be bound thereby.

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Any documents marked as "Confidential" pursuant to this Protective Order that are admitted into evidence at trial of this matter will lose their confidential status unless otherwise ordered by this Court at the request of the producing party.

- 7. This Protective Order is not intended to preclude use or disclosure of any document or information which is in the public domain, or which has been provided to a party, his/her/its attorneys or experts, by a source independent of the designating party or his/her/its attorney.
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- 9. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a waiver of any rights by any party with respect to matters not specifically provided for herein.
- 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Protective Order and decide any issues relating to or arising from it. If the terms of this Protective Order are violated, the Court may grant such relief to the producing party as is just and necessary.
- 11. The terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect and shall survive the final resolution of this litigation unless the Order is terminated or modified in writing by the parties or by further order of the Court.
- 12. All requests made by a party for a document to be filed "under seal" in accordance with this Order shall be made by motion and conform to the requirements set forth in 12 O.S. § 3226(C)(2), 51 O.S. § 24A.29, and Local Rule 10.1.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 4h day of 2014

CARLOS J. CHAPPELLE

The Honorable Carlos Chappelle Judge of the District Court

Approved:

Trevor J. Furlong 63 A # 2020 8

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## **EXHIBIT 25**

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)					
	)					
Plaintiff,	)					
	)					
<b>v.</b>	)	Case No. CJ-2013-4766				
	)	Honorable Carlos Chappelle				
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)					
HUGHES, LIBERTY MUTUAL	)					
GROUP INC., and LM GENERAL	)	DISTRICT COURT				
INSURANCE COMPANY,	)	e la Ed				
Defendants.	) )	SEP 1 2 2014				

LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.'S

SALLY HOWE SHATH, COURT CLERK
STATE OF JIKEA THESA COUNTY

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL OF CROSS-CLAIMS WITHOUT PREJUDICE

AS TO DEFENDANTS DEMETRIES DEERING AND KARA HUGHES

Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. hereby dismisses their cross-claims against Defendants Demetries Deering and Kara Hughes without prejudice, with each party to bear their own attorney's fees and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of September, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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# **EXHIBIT 26**

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MONSI LGGRKE,	)					
·	)					
Plaintiff,	)					
	)					
v.		Case No. CJ-2013-4766				
• •	)	Honorable Carlos Chappelle				
DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA	)	·				
HUGHES, LIBERTY MUTUAL	)	DISTRICT COURT				
GROUP INC., and LM GENERAL	)					
INSURANCE COMPANY,	) .	orp 1 6 2014				
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Defendants.	)	SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK				

## ANSWER OF LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY TO PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED PETITION

Defendant LM General Insurance Company (hereafter, "Liberty Mutual"), for its Answer to Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition, alleges and states as follows:

- Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 2. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 3. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.

- 4. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 5. Liberty Mutual admits the allegations of Paragraph 5 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 6. Liberty Mutual admits the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 7. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 8. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 9. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 10. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Second Amended Petition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 11. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Second Amended Petition.

- 12. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 13. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 14. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 14 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 15. Liberty Mutual is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 15 through Paragraph 23 of the Second Amended Petition, as such allegations pertain to Defendants other than Liberty Mutual, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 16. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 24 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 17. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 25 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 18. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 26 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 19. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 27 of the Second Amended Petition, and further states that Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief whatsoever.

- 20. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 as such allegations constitute legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 21. Liberty Mutual admits the allegations of Paragraph 29 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 22. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 30 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 23. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 31 of the Second.

  Amended Petition.
- 24. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 32 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 25. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 33 of the Second Amended Petition, and further states that Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief whatsoever.
- 26. Liberty Mutual admits that it owes a duty of good faith and fair dealing to its insureds in accordance with Oklahoma law, but denies the remainder of the allegations of Paragraph 34 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 27. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 35 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 28. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 36 of the Second Amended Petition.

- 29. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 37 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 30. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 38 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 31. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 39 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 32. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 40 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 33. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 41 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 34. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 42 of the Second Amended Petition.
- 35. Liberty Mutual denies the allegations of Paragraph 43 of the Second Amended Petition, and further states that Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief whatsoever.

#### ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

Liberty Mutual, by way of further answer and defense, but not in diminution or derogation of the admissions or denials set forth hereinabove, and subject to amendment at the conclusion of all pretrial discovery, alleges and states as follows:

- 36. Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition fails to state a claim against Liberty Mutual upon which relief can be granted.
- 37. The subject policy was issued by and the subject coverage is provided under LM General Insurance Company and not Liberty Mutual Group Inc., which is not a proper party to this action.
- 38. Plaintiff has failed to satisfy conditions precedent and subsequent to recovery of benefits under the applicable policy.
- 39. The terms and conditions of the applicable policy do not entitle Plaintiff to payment of any benefits thereunder.
- 40. At all times in the course of its dealings with Plaintiff, Liberty Mutual acted reasonably, fairly, in good faith, and in conformity with the terms and conditions of the applicable policy.
- 41. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of waiver, estoppel, and laches.
- 42. An award of punitive damages under the alleged facts would violate the Due Process, Equal Protection, and Excessive Fines clauses of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Oklahoma.
  - 43. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the economic loss doctrine.
- 44. Liberty Mutual hereby incorporates all of the provisions, exclusions and conditions contained within its policy of insurance under which Plaintiff purportedly

brings this action. Applying these provisions, any recovery is barred or must be reduced accordingly.

- 45. Liberty Mutual owes no fiduciary duty to Plaintiff.
- 46. Liberty Mutual reserves the right to assert additional defenses revealed in the course of discovery.

Defendant LM General Insurance Company, having answered Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition, asks that Plaintiff take nothing by way of the Second Amended Petition and that the case be dismissed, judgment be rendered for LM General Insurance Company, and that LM General Insurance Company be awarded all costs, attorneys' fees and other such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable in the premises. LM General Insurance Company further reserves leave to Answer to allege any additional defenses or affirmative defenses which investigation and discovery may reveal.

Respectfully submitted,

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LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of September, 2014, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

### **EXHIBIT 27**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY	100	8 8			
STATE OF OKLAHOMA			299	il res	N. 49

MONSI LGGRKE,

Plaintiff,

V.

Case No. CJ-2013-4766

Honorable Carlos Chappelle

DEMETRIES DEERING, KARA

HUGHES, LIBERTY MUTUAL

GROUP INC., and LM GENERAL

INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

## NOTICE OF DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS TO DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

Plaintiff Monsi L'Ggrke hereby dismisses the above-styled case against Defendant Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., without prejudice, with each party to bear their own attorney's fees and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor J. Furlong , ORA # 2020 8

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

**Trevor Furlong**